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Faculty senate calls for doctorate programs

Proposed professional conduct committee also discussed

By Melanie S. Williams

At this semester's first faculty senate meeting Wednesday, members passed two resolutions calling for new doctorate level programs in Criminal Justice and Public Administration.

Faculty Senate President Carl Camp said the proposed doctorates would give advanced training beyond the master's degree, benefiting careers in these areas while offering the opportunity to prepare for teaching in the classroom.

"I think it's time that the University be involved in that level of program," said Camp.

"And I hope the next steps toward final approval will go as easily and smoothly as it did in the senate."

Camp said the proposals next will go to the Executive Graduate Council for review, where its members will make recommendations to Central Administration. The proposals will end up with the Board of Regents.

While Camp would not speculate about the final outcome, he said the Ph.D. program proposals fall within the service mission of UNO and occur where there is an obvious demand among graduates.

Other issues discussed at the faculty senate meeting included concerns over the guidelines of a proposed professional conduct committee and the process for electing members to committees.

Discussion covered details of an internal review system, consisting of a five-member committee, that would address questions about professional conduct.

Some faculty members expressed concerns about how the committee would handle false grievances.

Economics Professor Janet West said, "I

think faculty need to be held to certain standards and those standards must be kept high. But I think individual rights and due process need to be upheld."

The professional conduct issue was held over until the next faculty senate meeting.

Communication Professor Robert Carlson discussed the practice of voting for committee members without first knowing the qualifications of the nominees.

"Carlson was not alone in his concerns," Camp said. "The matter will be reviewed by the Rules Committee."

Death penalty question finds a forum at UNO

By Lori Safranek

A panel discussion about the death penalty drew about 30 students and faculty to the Student Center ballroom at noon Sept. 10.

The discussion was the first event in the Free Speech Series sponsored by the UNO chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, a social sciences international honor society.

The group plans to cover such topics as racism, sexism, agism and abortion in future events, said Teresa Houser, president of the UNO chapter. The next discussion is planned for October.

"We wanted to try to pick really controversial, hot topics to get students involved in an exchange of information and ideas outside of the classroom setting," Houser said.

She said her group will attempt to focus on different aspects of controversial issues.

"We plan to cover abortion, but with a different slant: looking at rights of people to protest and where those rights go too far, if they do," she said.

Participating in Tuesday's panel discussion were Douglas County Deputy Assistant Attorney Sam Cooper, UNO Criminal Justice Professor Sam Walker and Teresa Scruton, a local death penalty opponent.

Each member of the panel gave a ten-minute presentation, then the discussion was opened up to the audience. Walker spoke first, giving a history of the death penalty in Nebraska.

"There almost isn't any history," he said. Although the death penalty is legal in Nebraska, no one has been executed under that sentence in the last 30 years, Walker said.

"And in the 30 years before, only four people were executed," he said. "That parallels national trends. I think it's typical because the death penalty isn't really that popular."

Walker said that although the death penalty was found constitutional in the 1972 *Furman v. Georgia* case, its use is arbitrary.

"There is a pattern of race discrimination in the use of the death penalty." He added, "We are the only so-called civilized

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Move over, Jean-Claude

—Eric Francis

UNO Freshman John Egan takes advantage of Sunday's beautiful weather to work on his form. He is practicing YI LI CHUAN, a Chinese style of martial art.

Peace Corps 'tends to stay with you'

The U.S. Peace Corps — 30 years of service

By Tim Rohwer

Happy birthday, Peace Corps.

The national volunteer program, dedicated to helping people in developing countries become more self-sufficient, turns 30 years old in 1991.

Since its founding in March 1961, 130,000

Americans have shared their skills and experience with people in over 100 developing countries. Today, more than 6,000 volunteers are working in 80 countries.

To help celebrate the anniversary, a group of former volunteers from the Omaha area participated in "The Global Village: 30 Years of Peace Corps." They discussed their past experiences,

showed films and provided information about application for prospective members.

About 30 people attended the event on Sept. 5 at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center in downtown Omaha.

Derek Stanfill, the Peace Corps' Midwest recruiter, said the organization was founded with three goals in mind.

"The Corps was founded to help people be independent, create goodwill ambassadors of the United States to other countries and promote understanding of other cultures," he said.

Despite its volunteer nature, the Peace Corps provides its members with essential monetary

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Operation Rescue not an aberration

Dear Editor:

I wish abortion advocates like Melanie Williams (Sept. 10, *Gateway*) would provide factual information rather than rhetoric full of hysteria. I can't get angry at Williams. I can only pity her.

I have participated in Operation Rescue activities and the incident she refers to at the Women's Medical Center, located on 50th and L Streets, distorts the fact a young man was hit by a car and landed on the hood of a car and was tossed to the ground. He was taken to the hospital.

At another time during a rescue (what Williams would refer to as an anti-choice blockade), a young man was taken by a security guard who took out his baton and hit the man on the lower leg. In Wichita, police sprayed mace on members of Operation Rescue, and abortion advocates told police to "take out your batons and thump them to Jesus."

The clinic which Williams refers to is currently being sued by a former employee who sought to report health violations by the current physician at the clinic, as reported in the *Omaha World-Herald* July 26.

Among the allegations are two incidents where the doctor had to repeat abortions that he had improperly done. Another claim stated in the article was that the physician fell asleep while administering local anesthetic. The physician had to be awakened by a staff person.

Another allegation is the physician is said to have talked on the phone while performing abortions.

The former employee also claims that the operators of the clinic refused to take corrective measures or initiate peer review of the practices.

Williams would have her readers believe Operation Rescue is an aberration or the devil incarnate.

The reality is the rhetoric of pro-choice, safe and legal abortion, and reproductive freedom does not match the shared experience of women, teen-age girls and pre-born babies in pregnancy and abortion.

Face facts, Williams, abortion is out of control in America and that is why Operation Rescue exists.

Andrew Sullivan

'Terroristic' poor choice of words

Dear Editor:

A friend of mine and I read your article "Another View on Abortion" in the Sept. 10 *Gateway* and were quite incensed at your lack of journalistic integrity and inappropriate terminology in describing the pro-life movement.

In order to assist you with your vocabulary, we wish to point out some of these ill-chosen words and phrases.

First, the word 'terroristic' is a poor choice when describing the activities of the pro-life movement.

A terrorist is one who kills, maims and injures large groups of people for political attention. The pro-life movement is not involved in any of these crimes.

Second, the 'violent activities,' as you describe them, of pro-lifers are nothing more than a demonstration of human rights and an effort to save innocent lives.

If it's violence you are looking for, go inside an abortion chamber and watch for a day as precious babies are butchered, dismembered

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Correction:

In the Sept. 13 issue of the *Gateway*, Robert W. Smith's name was accidentally omitted from his letter to the editor. The letter was titled 'Terrorist for inspection.'

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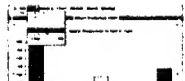
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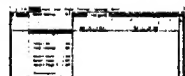
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OPINION / EDITORIAL

Ignorance is bliss

Picture Miami — pink buildings and turquoise sidewalks, tiki-hut bars where my friends and I kicked off our shoes and danced in the sand.

We ate raw oysters drenched in lemon juice and Tabasco sauce and slammed them down with ice cold beers.

This vision of the past awakens me as Chris Rea's song, "On the Beach," is playing on the radio.

With one eye squinting open I can see my clock. It's already 9:30 a.m.

I can't lift my head from the pillow.

The cavities behind my eyes are filled with little gremlins jumping around and screaming.

I continue listening to the radio, hoping to wake up enough to get to the Sine-Aid.

My cat, Chanel, beautiful thing that she is, offers little sympathy. As usual, she can't be bothered with my problems and off the bed she leaps to bury her head in her food bowl.

I wish I could say I had a good time last night.

But with sinus headaches, it doesn't matter what I did the night before.

ON THE 8TH DAY WITH TARA MUIR

These memories of Florida float back into my head, squeezing out the gremlins.

I remember a time when 9:30 a.m. rolled around and all I had to worry about was getting to one job. I can feel it now:

We sat there in the tiki-hut bars, in a semi-conscious state, ocean breezes caressing the beads of sweat off our bodies, pleasurably watching scantily clad men and women do their mating dances to reggae.

Yes, we would join them. Oysters did wonders to energy levels. But when funds were low, the gang and I went to a nameless neighborhood joint on the west side of Biscayne Boulevard.

The kind of joint where Fiats and MGs, and I suppose Miatas have joined the ranks now, filled the parking lot.

The kind of joint Miami Vice set up drug busts in.

We bought 50-cent rum and Cokes with no limit. Those were the morning-afters when I woke up and really begged for death.

Those were the Saturday mornings when I had to call Macy's shoe department and tell them that working today was an impossibility.

Those New York-style women would have to yell at someone else.

Or, during the week, I had to call the furniture company where my boss allowed a few hangover days. Now, that was a job until ...

That's another story.

Those were the days when the bottle of Milanta from last week's episode was empty and I had to walk down to the local cantina.

What a place to have to go when my grave was beckoning me.

I had to walk because trying to remember where I parked my car the night before or even how I got home was too much trouble.

The homeless Haitians and Jamaicans basking in the sun watched me, wondering what a green-faced white girl was doing in their neighborhood.

I managed a weak smile. They smiled back and I know now they understood my agony.

When I found my Milanta and reached the checkout stand, in front of me were five Cuban families with carts and carts of black beans and 50-pound sacks of rice and another basket full of plantains, all of which needed to be weighed.

Someone always managed to drop a gallon of milk in front of the cantina so the midday sun could rot it and then the ocean breeze could shuttle the odor to my nose.

Slowly but surely I was shuffling up to the cashier, barely breathing.

The woman with a screaming baby wanted cigarettes and the cashier had to go get them.

My face was a deep jade color by now.

The display beside the register held the national flags of Cuba and South American countries made into car deodorizers. In this part of town, a reminder of America was nowhere to be seen.

Realizing I may have wondered into a foreign country was too much to bear.

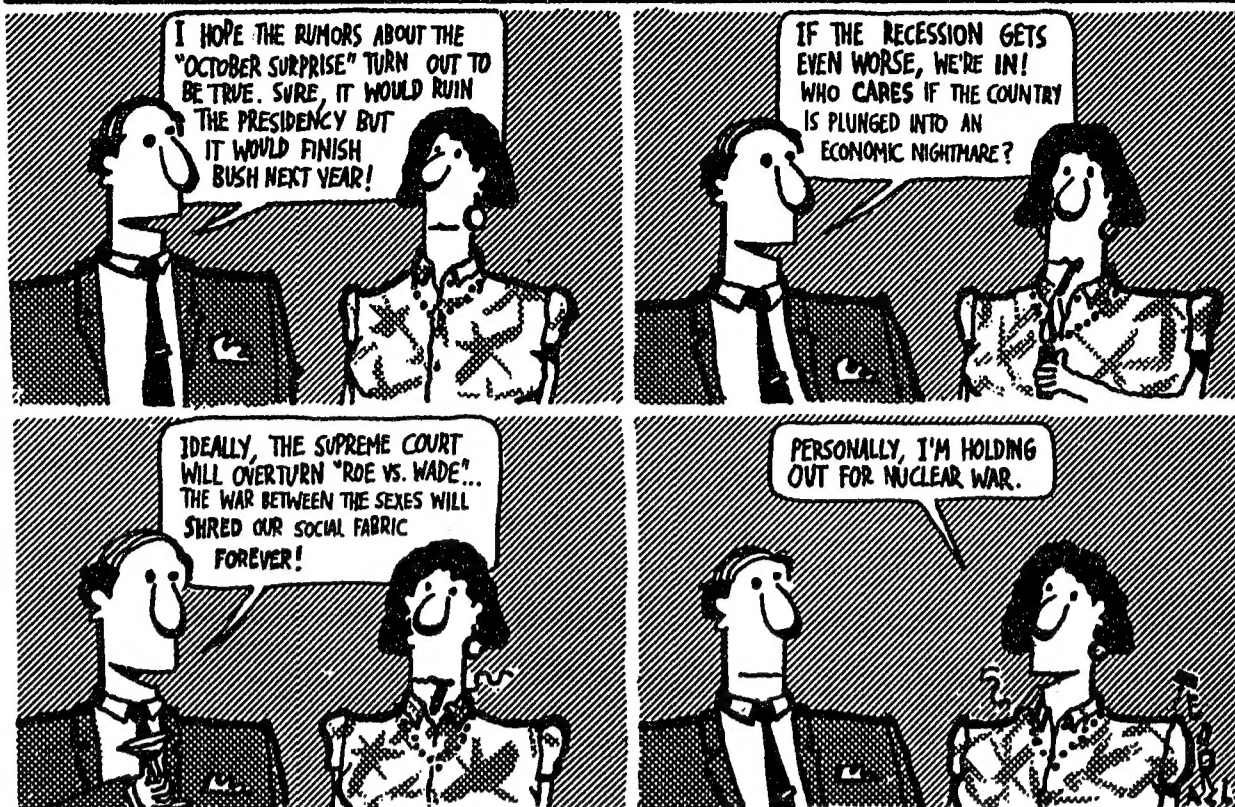
I desperately opened the bottle of Milanta before another moment passed and the screaming kid really had something to scream about.

Why I look back at my agony with pleasure, I can only guess.

I do know life was so much easier when I ignored racism, sexism, greedy capitalism and even institutionalized Christianity.

I am aware of hypocrisy now. I can't say I know everything but damn these sinus headaches make me remember ignorance.

DEMOCRATIC LOGIC AT WORK



Everyone else is changing ...

Changes, changes, changes.

With all of the shuffling going on at UNO, the *Gateway* feels inclined to join in the act. We have an obligation to keep up with the university, and we'll do what it takes to oblige.

So, here are suggested changes for the 1991-92 *Gateway*.

A) Adopt a tabloid-style format: We feel that with this new feature, we'll be able to keep you abreast of who's pregnant with the two-headed babies on campus and which athletes are dating aliens. We can also change our name to something really neat, like the *Catechizer* or the *Interrogator*.

B) Fire the entire staff: The whole staff is going to eventually quit anyway, so why bother with the formality of letting them keep their jobs any longer than we have to? This should shake up the paper enough to miss an issue or two — long enough to find some scab journalists who are really bad.

C) Cover other universities: Since we're the only student newspaper on campus, we should be able to run whatever we please. So this year we're going to cover the Texas A&M men's basketball program and its coach, Tony Barone, in a seven-part

series beginning in November.

This should make enough people on campus see red that they'll demand step B, above, if it hasn't already been done.

D) Trash the Macintoshes: Who needs them? All they do is make production of the paper easier, make the stories and ads look nicer and allow us to correct mistakes in a timely manner. We can go back to using a Linotype machine — that way we'll look like the *Wall Street*

Journal.

E) Plagiarize other papers: We can run non-attributed excerpts from "Marriott Sweetheart Hangs Up Service," a touching but fierce front-page article from Creighton University's *Creightonian*. This will set a good example for other journalism students on campus.

F) Use words that begin with this letter often: There's nothing that torques a university off more than the use of words like "@#*&" and "^\$%&ing" in a university paper.

G) Stop publishing entirely: This would eliminate the need for adherence to steps A through F.

There you have it. The *Gateway* — keeping up with the university. (And we're doing all for the good of the students, too.)

STAFF EDITORIAL CHANGES

MTV finally did something good

It's not often that I can find something good to say about MTV, but this week they did good — they invited Paul Reubens (Pee-wee Herman) to appear on their annual awards show.

Reubens came on stage as his "Pee-wee" persona, nerdy bowtie and all, asking the audience, "Heard any good jokes lately?"

Reubens, as most everyone in the world knows by now, was arrested recently for masturbating in an adult movie theater in Florida.

The media had the proverbial field day with the story of Reubens' arrest. His show, "Pee-wee's Playhouse," was cancelled; he was disgraced. The rest of us had a pretty good time with it, too.

I've never been a big fan of Pee-wee Herman, but what struck me was that what people around me were saying about Reubens' arrest was not consistent with what was in the news.

Most people said they didn't really think this was such a big deal. The media kept telling us Reubens' show had been cancelled, and they kept showing a really horrible picture of

Reubens. Is it just me, or did it make him look like Dustin Hoffman on drugs?

As much as that picture distorted Reubens' appearance, the news that "Pee-

to tell their children about "Pee-wee's" indiscretions. Maybe his first (and only) advice should have been, "There should be no need to tell them anything — Pee-

wee didn't do anything; Paul Reubens did it, and your kid doesn't know Paul Reubens from the man on the moon."

It seems like this advice might be applicable to the

media — Paul Reubens is just some guy who was lucky enough to create a character that appealed to American audiences. Pee-wee Herman, on the other hand, has done nothing more than look goofy and maybe sneak a peek down the front of Miss Yvonne's dress.

Reubens' appearance on MTV's awards show was an affirmation of what I believe many Americans feel — who cares what Reubens did, we like Pee-wee.

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ANOTHER VIEW PEE-WEE HERMAN

wee's Playhouse" had been cancelled was a distortion. The show was already cancelled — all the network pulled were the remaining reruns. Also, why did the media keep calling Reubens "Pee-wee Herman?" His legal name is Paul Reubens.

One thing still confuses me — okay, so what DO people do in adult theaters? Just watch dirty movies? If so, why the heck do they wear those long trenchcoats? Oh, I get it. That's where Reubens went wrong — he didn't wear a trenchcoat to hide what he was doing.

I read one article where a child psychologist offered advice to parents on how

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and thrown in a dumpster.

Finally, your claim that Operation Rescue poses a threat to all democratic rights in the United States today is totally unsubstantiated.

On the contrary, any attempt by the government or pro-choice groups to suppress these demonstrations will be a threat to democracy.

The Constitution guarantees us to assemble and say what we think without censorship.

Remember, the students in China's Tiananmen Square were exercising these same rights. They demanded human rights, which is what the pro-life movement is all about.

Justin Peterson and Doug Leslie

Fetus is potential human being

Dear Editor:

Right wing religious zealots are trying to put Christian anti-sex bias back into our public laws on abortion.

This violates the separation of church and state and denies individuals the religious freedom guaranteed by our Constitution.

Nobel laureate Bertrand Russell wrote in his book 'Why I Am Not a Christian' that:

"The worst feature of the Christian religion, however, is its

attitude toward sex — an attitude so morbid and so unnatural ... if a woman has a child a year until she dies worn out, it is not to be supposed that she will derive much pleasure from her married life; therefore, birth control must be discouraged."

The premise the unborn is a person is a relatively new Catholic belief. Most Protestant and Jewish denominations regard the fetus as a potential human being, not a full-fledged person, and have statements in support of legal abortions.

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote at conception there was only a vegetative soul and that delayed animation or soulment took place 40 days after conception for a male fetus and after 90 days for a female fetus. St. Augustine assured his readers "Fetuses will not rise on the final day; neither will the sperm."

Even today, Catholic practices show concern for the fetus is only a pretext for sexual repression and for right wing political agitation. There are no funerals or baptisms of miscarriages.

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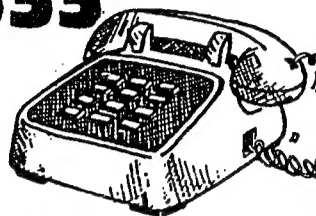
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Pi Gamma Mu sparks debate on executions

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nation that still has the death penalty."

Walker called the death penalty a "symbolic and theatrical" issue.

"People who are frustrated with the justice system vent their frustrations that way," he said. "There is no evidence that it (the death penalty) prevents crime."

Cooper disagreed with Walker, saying there is a difference between specific deterrence and general deterrence. The death penalty is effective in a specific sense, he said.

"Somebody that's executed is not going to come back and kill someone," he said.

Determining the general deterrence factor is more difficult, he said.

"The vast majority of (murder) cases are not first degree," Cooper said. The death penalty can only be given in first degree murder convictions.

"You're trying to deter people who commit premeditated murder. What you're trying to do with capital punishment is to inflict the death penalty on those cases with the most aggravated circumstances.

"What do you do if you (get rid of) the death penalty? What do you do with somebody who is doing life without parole and commits another crime — murders another inmate or a guard? Is that a freebie?

"Our justice system is built on the theory that the more harm done, the greater the punishment. If capital punishment doesn't make sense, then the whole system doesn't make sense.

"There are people, and some of them are on death row in Nebraska, that will not be deterred by anything," Cooper said.

Scruton said she became involved in the death penalty controversy when she wrote a letter to the *Omaha World-Herald* about Harold Otey, convicted of the 1977 murder of

Jane McManus.

"In my letter I wrote that Mr. Otey and people like him are children of God, and that generated a lot of anger," Scruton said. "But I think they are still of us — people like us."

She said she doesn't agree with the idea that the death penalty deters crimes. She said first-time offenders are often not aware of the penalty for the crimes they commit, so would not be stopped by the thought of capital punishment.

"When does it stop? And who are we to decide?" she asked. "I don't want to run the risk of taking another person's life before they've had a chance to feel the remorse that I think they should feel."

She said she is also concerned with the effect capital punishment has on those other than the criminal.

"This impacts people who are not only criminals but also the rest of us, including those who have to perform the execution, or those in the justice system.

"A prosecutor may not feel bad when he sends a person to jail for a year, two years or three years. But I wonder how a prosecutor feels late at night when he gets a person convicted to the death penalty?," Scruton asked.

In response, Cooper said, "I sleep just fine. Nobody feels good about seeing someone go to the penitentiary or get the death penalty.

"My view for that, is that this guy chose to do what he did, and this is what happens. We don't prevent the disease, we just deal with the results."

In response to comments from the audience, Cooper said, "I hear all the time about the death penalty only affecting minorities and the poor. Let's be honest — that's who commits the crimes."

He said of the 11 inmates now on Nebraska's death row, two are black. He also said that of the six cases he prosecuted where the sentence was



—Ed Carlson

Douglas County Deputy Assistant Attorney Sam Cooper defended the death penalty at a panel discussion Sept. 10.

the death penalty, three of the criminals were college graduates.

All three panelists expressed their views on the causes of the increase in violent crimes in the United States.

"If you want to take one cause of crime, in my opinion, it's the breakdown of the American family," Cooper said.

Scruton said chemical dependency comes

into play in many crimes, and that punishing the criminals with the death penalty is not a solution.

"Are we treating the problem or the symptom?" she asked.

Walker said today's problems are the result of the recent past.

"We're paying for the effect of 10 to 12 years of social neglect."



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National child safety awareness month Choosing safe child care

By Kim Coleman

September is child safety awareness month, reminding the nation that choosing safe child care is no easy task for parents.

Carol Olsen, UNO *Gateway* reporter, conducted an informal survey of 50 pre-schoolers' parents. Olsen said child safety and qualified caregivers head the top of the list when parents seek care for their children.

Nearly all the parents looked for an environment free from grime and crime, dangerous objects and electrical hazards, Olsen said.

A qualified staff goes hand-in-hand with a safe environment.

"Parents are less concerned with whether or not the caregiver has a college education; they want experienced care givers with CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)/first aid training and a reasonable number of children per adult," she said.

Parents also want safe and enjoyable activities to stimulate their youngster, Olsen said. The facility must be conveniently located, pleasant and charge reasonable rates.

"Child care plays an important part in the lives of children and parents. Finding the 'right' facility takes careful examination," she said.

How can a parent find the best setting for the child if no one can stay at home full-time? Is home care, day care or preschool best for the child?

According to *Parents* magazine, August 1991, each child's

age and personality should factor in that choice. For instance, the social needs for children ages six weeks to 18 months are best met with one-on-one attention from a single caregiver. This assists in the development of a child's trust, independence and feelings of security.

On the other hand, with older pre-schoolers, playmates of similar ages are socially beneficial, the article said.

Interviewing a caregiver is often awkward and stressful, especially for new parents or parents needing full-time child care for the first time.

It's important for parents to ask questions, trust their instincts and watch their child's reaction. If the child seems unhappy or stressed out every day, then parents may need to drop in unexpectedly to reassess the situation.

"Dropping by unexpectedly is very important," said Sherri Neater, UNO student and licensed caregiver.

"Often people will put up a big front when they expect your visit. Everything will look perfect and they'll say all the right things. It's hard to accept, but some people just lie ... about smoking, bottle propping or discipline techniques.

"That's why it's important to find out what really goes on when you're not expected to show up."

An unexpected visit revealed the reason for chronic ear infection problems for Neater's daughter, Brittany.

"I found her asleep with a bottle propped in her mouth. The formula was running out from the corner of her mouth into her ear. I was so mad I wanted to blow. I was paying

\$110 a week and they lied about propping bottles. You only see that kind of stuff if you drop in," Neater said.

Brittany was about six months old at the time. Doctors expected it would take surgically implanted tubes for Brittany's ear infection to clear up.

"Lucky for us, the antibiotics worked, but it took more than six weeks," Neater said.

When Brittany was ready for potty-training and Sherri wanted to return to school, the Neater's opened their home to provide licensed child care.

"It's hard to believe, but new mothers usually don't ask me any questions during an interview. I try to explain my program for them, but it's really important they ask questions.

"More experienced mothers ask questions about bottle propping, smoking, pets, the number of children in my care ... What surprises me is almost no one asks what discipline techniques I use."

Neater said she uses 'time out' with no spanking.

Neater is finishing her last semester in UNO's pre-med program and plans to attend Methodist School of Nursing to specialize in pediatric care.

She is licensed through the Nebraska Department of Social Services and is CPR-certified. The licensing board inspects licensed caregivers a few times a year and requires CPR certification before granting a child care license.

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there are checks for adherence to health and safety standards.

Some people may think child care is an easy way to make money without working outside the home. A red flag should go up if a care giver discloses this opinion; it's possible your child is just being watched and not 'cared' for.

"I'm not home with the children to avoid working," Neater said. "This is my business. If I fail with the children, then I fail at my business."

"I'm not home so I can do my laundry or clean my house. I can do that on my own time. The kids always come first."

Neater reads to the babies, "even if they're newborn." She said, "If you start young and catch them when they first wake up from a morning nap, even the little ones will listen."

She limits television, encourages group and individual play, and "exercises" the babies, too. "I get right down on the floor with them," she said.

Asking the right questions, looking for the obvious, trusting your instincts and drop in visits are steps in the right direction when looking for qualified, safe caregivers.

Neater's most important advice, "Be suspicious and DROP IN ... there should never be something you weren't supposed to see or hear. Drop in often — it's the only way you'll really feel comfortable about your child's care."

LOOK ... LISTEN ... LEARN:

A clip-out guide to child care hunting:

This clip-out guide compiled from interviews with both parents and child care providers can assist parents with the hunt for a safe, healthy and happy relationship between parent, provider and child.

LOOK:

◆ Which safety or health hazards are present? Assume the hazards you see are what you get. Accept no excuses or apologies for hazardous or unhealthy environments.

◆ Watch for hand washing while the caregiver prepares food or changes diapers.

◆ Watch how provider handles the stressful situation of caring for the children while being interviewed — who comes first? Points scored if it's not you.

◆ Look for genuine interest. The provider should talk to your child and ask to hold your baby. Hopefully, you'll observe at least one tantrum or crying session from your child or another. This is great material to observe.

LISTEN:

Take notes for each provider interviewed; it only takes a few before it gets confusing. These questions are intended to provide a foundation, so add your own to the list.

◆ Is this a licensed child care facility? If not, is the provider certified for CPR and first aid? Ask for proof.

◆ What experience, education and personal background qualifies this person to care for your child? Ask for references and check them.

◆ What is the child/adult ratio? Three-to-one is a decent guide. Look for special skills if there are four or more children to one adult (including the provider's children).

◆ Ask about feeding techniques: bottle propping, self-feeders, junk food snacks, etc.

◆ Will your child be allowed to continue regularly scheduled naps and feeding times?

◆ Don't be afraid to ask direct questions about a caregiver's habits and values. Are there problems with drugs, alcohol, domestic violence or child abuse within the immediate or relevant environments?

If a provider refuses to answer a question or seems overly defensive, uncomfortable or embarrassed, see a red flag. Abusive behavior from a provider affects children much the same way abusive parenting does.

LEARN:

◆ Which programs and activities will your child participate in each day?

◆ Where will your child eat, sleep and play, and with whom?

◆ Where, when and how often must your child travel on a daily basis? Does this provider regularly transport school-age children or run errands on your child's time?

Finally, learn to trust your feelings and instincts. If it feels wrong, it probably is. This is no time to be a 'nice guy' and give anyone the benefit of a doubt. Check references before you hire this person. If your child is unhappy after a reasonable trial period, start interviewing again.

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UNO's child care cares

By Katja Seigel

For some UNO students, registration and searching for used textbooks are only the beginning of their school-related concerns. Many students, faculty and staff have the added challenge of finding safe day care for their children.

Annex 47, west of the Durham Science Center, provides a convenient facility and students need only to be enrolled in one course for their children to qualify.

The center accepts children from the age of 18 months to 12 years. The weekly rate for a toddler is \$75 and \$70 for a pre-schooler. Daily rates are \$15, or \$2 for an hour.

The center accommodates 79 youngsters at any given time. There are presently 106 children attending on a rotation of part-time schedules. The preschool age group has current openings, but there is a waiting list for toddlers.

The facility has 22 staff members, including a cook to prepare all meals in accordance with state food group and portion requirements. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks are included in the fees. Field trips involve the only added costs.

Director Ellen Freeman termed the UNO Child Care Center's program as "high scope," a child-centered environment where individuals are encouraged to experience and learn all they can.

"The sky's the limit, as long as they choose

not to hurt each other."

Freeman said this differs from the Montessori philosophy in that learning experiences are specifically and deliberately structured. Children learn what they will and are allowed to try anything as long as it isn't harmful to themselves or others.

A tour of the facility revealed a wide array of indoor and outdoor opportunities. "Kiddie pools" and picnic tables greet the children and a large, fenced-in play area complete with a jungle gym dominates the back.

"The children have many choices and are constrained to one area," Freeman said. Each child has a "homebase" where they begin each day, rotating activities so that everyone uses the whole facility.

The two-level center has several large rooms which serve as homebases, and a utility room is used for meals and napping on cots with blankets.

Several activity centers entice little hands to learn through curiosity: a self-paced language area, science corner, pet exhibition, shells, rocks, arts and crafts, music, Legos and a privacy cubicle to read alone.

The favorite attraction is the "pretend" area. Currently set up as a house complete with kitchen, dress-up clothes and couch, the area encourages children to try new things and "get rid of stereotypes," Freeman said.

"Multi-cultural learning is also stressed here,"



Children enjoy themselves at UNO's child care center.

—file photo

staff member Donna Moyers said. Books with African-American and Latino characters are read and discussed. Teachers take the opportunity to share their own personal backgrounds and some children feel free to share their own heritage with the class.

UNO's Child Care Center was noted for achieving exclusive standards by the National

Association of Education for Young Children. This is Nebraska's only day care facility to receive this accreditation.

Freeman has been with the program 4 1/2 years. She said the Center is working on re-accreditation at this time.

"The most surprising aspect of the program is we're still growing."



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Corps experiences

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needs during their required two years of service, Stanfill said.

Members receive free transportation to their assigned country, free medical and dental care, housing and vacation allowances, \$200 dollars per month of service and preferred hiring status when they apply for any federal job, Stanfill said.

"You're definitely taken care of," he said.

Stanfill said all applicants must be U.S. citizens, 18 years of age or older and in good health. A college degree is not required, but two or more years of experience in a specialized area is necessary.

He said the most important work experiences for joining the Peace Corps includes farming, forestry, carpentry, education, math, science, the industrial arts, health and nutrition. Knowing a foreign language, especially French or Spanish, is also helpful.

He said applicants should apply at least nine months ahead of when they will be available for service due to various nominating phases and medical and legal screening.

Currently, 53 percent of the total number of volunteers are women, Stanfill said. The average age of a volunteer is 30 years old, with volunteers 50 years or older representing 14 percent of the total number.

Thirty-nine Nebraskans are currently serving in the Peace Corps, including two from UNO, he said.

Stanfill said Peace Corps volunteers are entering a new country almost every month. For the first time ever, volunteers are now serving in five central and eastern European countries, including Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria. Volunteers are also serving now in Laos, Bolivia and Mongolia, he said.

Honduras has the most volunteers with 314 currently working there.

With an increased budget under George

Bush's administration, the Peace Corps hopes to have 8,000 volunteers by the end of the decade, Stanfill said.

Stanfill served as a volunteer in Senegal in West Africa from 1986 to 1988.

"Language was the most difficult adjustment for me to make. But it's worth all the trouble it takes to learn the language," he said.

Other former volunteers at the event said the Peace Corps service has had a profound influence on their lives today.

One man who served in Africa's Ivory Coast during the mid-'60s said he learned about being a good father by watching African men relate to their children.

"I enjoyed my experience so much, I stayed on a third year. The Peace Corps changed my life a lot," he said.

Anne West, who was not an education major in college, said being a teacher in the Peace Corps influenced her to remain a teacher upon arriving home. Today, she is an intensive language instructor at UNO.

"The Peace Corps tends to stay with you," she said.

One woman who worked in the Philippines said getting personal hygiene items was never a problem. However, she said another women volunteer, who believed it would be a problem, had an embarrassing incident at the Miami, Fla., airport.

"Officials searched her guitar and found it full of tampons," she said.

All of the former volunteers agreed that foreigners respect the purpose of the Peace Corps, and that safety is usually not a problem for the volunteers.

One man who worked in India said, "I felt 365 times safer in my city than in any major city of the U.S."

Stanfill said people interested in knowing more about the Peace Corps should call 1-800-255-4121.

NEWS CLIPS

Computer fair coming to UNO

UNO will host, "Computer Fair '91," Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The fair will include more than 20 exhibitors featuring hardware; software; computing services; systems from IBM and compatibles, Apple Macintosh, NeXT and Amiga; and rental and used equipment.

The fair, sponsored by UNO's Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs, is free to the public.

Minority Issues Forums to address cultural diversity

Two Minority Issues Forums will be held at UNO in the coming weeks.

The forums are scheduled for Sept. 25 and Oct. 1 from 1:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center Dodge Room.

The first 30 minutes of each forum will consist of statistical presentations regarding minority populations and salary comparisons at UNO. The remaining 90 minutes will be spent addressing the audience's questions and concerns.

"We want these to be open types of meetings where people will feel free to express ideas and concerns that they have concerning cultural diversity at UNO," said Richard Hoover, vice chancellor for Educational and Student Services.

"Those concerns can range from employment practices to salaries and wages to student retention and financial aid. If there

aren't specific concerns, then they can talk about the campus climate in and of itself — opportunities for people to get involved, the friendliness of the environment, etc.," he said.

The outcome of the UNO forums will be compiled in a report and delivered, with reports from the University of Nebraska at

Kearney, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska

Medical Center to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents at its October meeting.

IN THE AREA ...

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The series includes the following events: Omaha Ballet and the Omaha Symphony with the Nebraska Choral Arts Society in "Carmina Burana," Oct. 10; Omaha Community Playhouse in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Nov. 7; UNO Dramatic Arts and Music Departments in "The Fantastics," Feb. 28; Tuesday Musical - Jessye Norman, Soprano, March 23; and Omaha Symphony with pianist Alicia de Larrocha, April 16.

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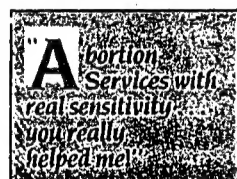
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Test may dispel concerns about cultural bias

(CPS) — Admissions counselors across the country are waiting to see whether the revised Scholastic Achievement Test will reflect students' abilities, especially those of minorities, more accurately.

The College Board, which administers the SAT, will publish the new version in 1994.

"We're eagerly awaiting it," said Joyce Smith, associate executive director of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors. "Most of us want to know how the changes will affect the results."

SAT results have been the talk of academia this week after the release of the 1991 national average scores, which dropped two points each to 422 in the verbal section and 474 in the math section.

In his release of that information, College Board President Donald Stewart said the scores reflected "a disturbing pattern of educational disparity."

The disparity mostly involved African-American and Hispanic minorities, who still fall short of scores achieved by whites and Asian-Americans. Still, African-Americans and Mexican-Americans are the leading groups for steady increases in their scores.

"Every time you see a standardized test result from a black student, the average score will be lower than the majority's score," said Walter Jacobs, director of academic support services for the College Board, at a recent educational conference in Orlando, Fla. "Some people say this is just another example that the black man can't cut it. ... On the other hand, we see that blacks are the one group constantly progressing toward better scores."

● Since 1976, African-Americans and Mexican-Americans have shown an overall point increase of 50 and 23 points respectively. But, their overall average score still falls about 200 and 130 points, respectively, shy of scores achieved by whites and Asians. Their total average scores are 930 and 940, respectively.

● Scores achieved by whites overall have dropped 14 points since 1976. The overall average for all groups taken together — 896 — has dropped seven points.

● Men still score higher than women (923 average vs. 861 average), especially in the mathematics section of the test.

● Students who took more academic classes during their education careers scored about 50 points higher than the national average in both the verbal and the math sections.

"Those who took physics, for example, had average verbal scores of 464 and average math scores of 538, considerably above the national averages for each," said Robert Cameron, the board's senior research associate. "Those who took calculus had the highest math average, 599, and the highest verbal average, 502."

Cameron said the College Board is concerned about an apparent paradox — "We are seeing more years of study in academics and in college prep courses and still the average scores are going down."

Much of the drop comes from the higher percentage of minorities taking the test — this year 28 percent of test-takers were minorities. Of that 28 percent, 8 percent reported that English was their second language and another 8 percent reported they were bilingual.

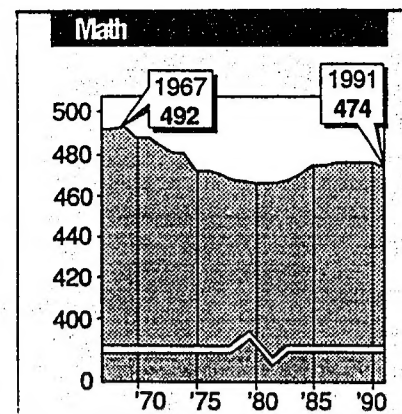
That greater inclusion and the SAT's inability to reflect different cultures in its test question content has helped spark the exam's rewrite.

"There's always been some suspicion about the way the test questions are written," Smith said. "The College Board now has established a review board for minority education that looks at items for bias against women and ethnic groups."

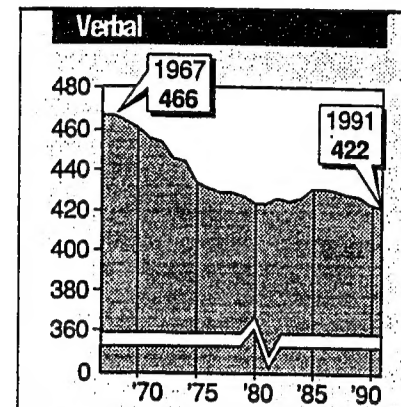
"The bottom line is that the College Board has always said their test scores are extremely accurate, but what we find is that admissions offices look at academic records first," Smith said. "Some kids test well and some panic and blow it."

SAT verbal score at all-time low

1991 verbal scores for U.S. college-bound seniors dropped two points from last year. The trend since 1967, first year when records were kept:



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By Lance Braun

For the first time in University of Nebraska football history, it was the University of Nebraska against the University of Nebraska.

And, for the second time in two weeks, the UNO defense put points on the board as the Mavericks pounded the University of Nebraska at Kearney Antelopes 40-14.

"Overall, it was a very good 60-minute effort," said UNO Head Coach Tom Mueller.

"I felt like we executed very well on both offense and defense. It was just a good, solid performance," Mueller said.

The defense grabbed four interceptions, two of which were returned for touchdowns.

"We were very happy with what we saw in the Kearney game," said Mav Defensive Coordinator Scott Grogan. "After looking at the films, we felt that we saw a lot of good things coming from the defense."

"Our kids have played very hard and aggressive. They are playing with a lot of intensity and are executing well. They look like they are enjoying themselves out there," Grogan added.

The first interception came just over three minutes into the ballgame as Mav senior defensive tackle Paul Storbeck blindsided Loper quarterback Jeff McDonald. UNO senior nose guard Jeff Rothlisberger caught the pass and ran 61 yards for the touchdown.

Junior Eric Hill, getting his first start of the season at running back for the Mavericks, scored the first of his two touchdowns on a four-yard jaunt five minutes later to make the score 13-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Mav quarterback Paul Cech opened the scoring in the second quarter by hitting junior tight end Jeff Jennings on a three-yard scoring toss. Cech hooked up with Jennings again for the two point conversion, making the score 21-0.

The Mavs scored once more in the first half, this time a one-yard plunge by senior Aaron Vactor with 6:29 left to make the score

28-0.

The Antelopes reached into their bag of tricks and scored a touchdown just before halftime on a fake field goal try. Mark Yulee scored from ten yards out to trim the Mavericks' lead to 28-7 at the intermission.

Unfortunately for the Antelopes, the Mavericks did not let up in the second half.

Hill scored on a dazzling 38-yard run early in the third quarter to increase the lead to 34-7. But the Lopers had one more score left in them.

UNK backup quarterback Justin Norblade threw a 27-yard strike to split end Ken Terry for a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter to cut the margin to 34-14.

The Maverick defense would have the last laugh, though, as sophomore Joe Hyde picked off a Loper pass and scrambled 55 yards for a touchdown with 4:09 left in the game to produce the final margin.

"The score really did surprise me," Mueller said. "Most of the games since I've been here at UNO have been close, especially when we've played out there (in Kearney). But we've been getting ahead of people early, and we've tried to keep the intensity up the whole game, and we've been able to do that," he said.

"We really felt like we could hold Kearney to two touchdowns or less," said Grogan.

"We know the offense can put the points on the board, so we're not worried there, but one of our goals is to get the defense to score every game. So far, we've been fortunate because we've been able to do that," he said.

Even though the defense had center stage, the Maverick offense put on a show of its own.

Hill became the first UNO running back to break the century mark this season. He led all rushers with 112 yards on 16 carries in the game.

Cech, meanwhile, ignited the Maverick passing attack by completing nine out of 10 passes for 70 yards and a touchdown. Cech was also the second leading rusher for the



—Ken Kruse/UNK Antelope

Maverick tight end Jeff Jennings eludes a couple of Antelope defenders in UNO's 40-14 victory over UNK last Saturday.

Mavs with 43 yards on 11 carries.

"Paul Cech is really coming on at quarterback," Mueller said.

"He really started doing well in spring ball, and he keeps on getting better. He's getting more comfortable with the offense all the time, and he's been throwing the ball well when we've needed him to. He probably only had one or two bad reads all day," added

Mueller.

Through two games, the Mavs are moving into territory they haven't seen in awhile. The 2-0 record is the best start for the Mavs since the 1988 squad went 4-0 to open the season. The 14 points given up over two games is the best start defensively since 1987. The Mavericks' two-game total of 68 points is the highest recorded since 1972.

Lady Mavs serve up confidence in Missouri

By Elizabeth Merrill

The Lady Maverick volleyball team gained moral victory in defeat last weekend in the Missouri Challenge Volleyball Tournament.

The Mavs went 1-3 in an invitational that featured eight nationally ranked teams. UNO coach Rose Shires said the team gained a newfound confidence after playing the tougher teams.

"After this weekend, a reality kind of hit us that we can play with these teams," she said. "Every single match that we played in, we were ahead. Once we had the lead it caught us off guard because we didn't know what to do when we had the lead."

Shires felt the lack of confidence experienced by the squad had to do with the youth and inexperience of the team, which is mostly comprised of sophomores.

"This was definitely a tournament that we learned a lot in, and when we play these teams again, we will not feel like we are the underdog in the match."

"We hope to go in there and place strong."

The team came up empty-handed on Friday in losses to Lewis University and Central Missouri. On Saturday they fell to Metro State and Ferris State before beating Lewis University 15-9, 15-2, and 15-11 to capture eleventh place in the tournament.

Senior Karen Soukup had ten kill spikes in the Lady Mavs' victory over Lewis University.

Shires said that she was pleased with the performances of sophomores Laura Monahan and Laura Kelly.

"Laura Monahan's defensive skills kept us close in matches and Laura Kelly is continuing to improve

as a player," Shires said.

The Lady Mavs will compete this weekend at the Iowa Tournament, which will feature mostly Division I schools. The Mavericks were runners-up in last year's tournament and hope to equal that performance.

"We hope to go in there and place strong," said Shires. "We must focus on our first match against Indiana State. It would be very nice to win that first match and start (the tournament) on a positive note."

Mavericks face real test in North Central Conference play

'The biggest question is if you can keep your key people healthy.'

By Lance Braun

The UNO football team opens up North Central Conference (NCC) play this week.

What do some of the UNO coaches think heading into conference play?

"The toughest part of our season starts now," said UNO Head Football Coach Tom Mueller.

"The toughest thing about the NCC is the great balance all through the conference.

The biggest question is if you can keep your key people healthy.

"If you can do that, you've got a chance in this league," Mueller said.

"The NCC is definitely one of the tougher conferences in Division II," said Defensive Coordinator Scott Grogan.

"Not to take anything away from the two teams we've beaten, but the NCC teams are basically just bigger and more physical."

The first challenge for the 2-0 Mavericks is 1-0 St. Cloud State.

The Huskies opened their season last weekend by defeating Minnesota-Duluth 17-14.

"We feel like this will be our first big, physical test of the season," Mueller said.

"St. Cloud is always one of the most physical teams in the conference, and it's a game we have to be ready to play, or else.

Their head coach (Noel Martin) used to be an assistant here at UNO and always liked his players to be physical."

Last season, St. Cloud blasted the Mavericks 34-0 on their home field as the Huskies intercepted Mav quarterback Jim Burzinski five times and held the Maverick offense to 78 total yards, including a minus 7 yards rushing, while piling up 398 total yards of their own.

"The score doesn't indicate just how badly we were dominated," Mueller said. "We just couldn't get anything going, offensively or defensively. But we're a different team this year, and I think we'll be ready."

"We don't want to approach this as a revenge game," Grogan said.

"But if we just play sound football, we'll be in the game."

I am a FOOL

By Dave Dufek/Guest Columnist

"It'll be fun ..."

These words kept ringing in my ears Sunday morning as pain shot through my right knee and my hamstrings, perspiration saturating my shirt.

Taking labored breaths, I strided faster and faster toward the finish line in the Omaha Corporate Cup Run, a 10-kilometer race held Sunday morning.

With the finish line in sight I broke into a sprint and glanced at the digital clock positioned above the finish—it showed my official time as 39 minutes and some odd seconds.

This would've been an excellent time for me, if it wasn't for that nasty "1" in front of the 39.

O.K., so I lied. "Faster and faster" roughly translates to "slow, slower and

sucking air." I walked most of the race, bringing me to one startling conclusion ...

I'm really out of shape.

I ran the first two miles or so—a tough task considering the fact that there were approximately 50 million people crammed into a side street and most were moving slower than the American political process.

"It'll be fun ..."

So I ran like a fullback, constantly looking for holes in the crowd to burst through. And the runners cooperated well in overtaking the walkers, following each other through the zigs and zags necessary to get ahead of the walkers (the enemy).

The walkers saw us coming and formed a human chain from one side of the street to the other, intent on hindering our progress. Evil snickers resounded from the walkers as they moved—S-L-O-W-L-Y—toward the finish line. By this time there were about eight runners in our pack. We found a hole and started running for it, but a man blocked it.

Before I moved on, I was nice enough to hand the man his cane as he lie on the pavement, clutching his stomach.

By the time we finally got ahead of all of the evil walkers, we were out of breath—so what did we do?

We started walking, of course.

I didn't really plan on running (walking, crawling) in the Cup Run, but a friend of mine lured me into the abyss with those evil words—"It'll be fun ..."

Fun (fun) n. [*<ME, a fool, foolish, to be foolish <*] (Webster's New World Dictionary)

Yeah, it was fun all right. But it was all for a good cause—a mug and a t-shirt. (I think I'd better point out that I'm just kidding here before I get letters from the American Lung Association—it benefited them.)

It did make me realize that I had better start working out again—I could probably start running all the little marathons in Omaha and surrounding communities to get in shape.

Maybe this way I can place higher than 216,476th in next year's Corporate Cup Run.

But even if I don't finish any better than I did this year, I do know one thing ...

It'll be fun.

OUT Of Bounds

By Patrick Runge



Corporate runners invade downtown Omaha

Motorists wanting to travel downtown Sunday morning were greeted by thousands of people taking to the streets.

The Eleventh Annual Corporate Cup Run featured a record 359 companies and 20,053 registrants. The event, sponsored by the American Lung Association, is the fifth largest 10-kilometer race in the country and is the largest corporate road race in the U.S.

A new course was introduced to the race this year, allowing the participants to circle the downtown area.

UNO student Michele Rezac, who has participated in the race for the last four years, said the change in the course made the race more appealing.

"I enjoyed the race more this year because of the new course," she said. "On the way back, we were running towards the city and it was neat to see the skyline. It made the run more bearable."

The race generally caters to a diversity of participants, whose ages and levels of exercise conditioning vary.

Rezac, a "speed walker," finished the race in an hour and twenty-six minutes said that finishing the race is her goal every year.

"A lot of people initially shy away from competing in the race because it seems like such a lengthy marathon," she said. "I'm proud of myself that I finished the race. I feel like it was an accomplishment."

Cross country team captures second place at Doane

The Lady Maverick cross country team opened its season by placing second at the Doane Invitational last Saturday.

Junior Barb Keefover led the UNO pack, placing third with an overall time of 19:08 in the 5,000 meter race. Keefover was only seven seconds away from Stephanie Quandt of UNL, who topped the race.

The Huskers won the invitational by 60 points. Senior Debbie Vojchekoski and sophomore Janine Ramaekers were close behind Keefover, with finishes of 16th and 20th.

Sophomore Dana Ottoson finished 27th and sophomore Jennifer Moore placed 35th in a field of 87 runners.

"Moore and Ottoson are capable of being up there in the top 15, but both are coming off of injuries," said UNO Coach Tim Hendricks. He said the two runners should have a bigger team impact in later invitationals.

The team will compete in the UNL Invitational this weekend at Pioneer Park.

It will face many of the same teams that were at Doane, with the addition of Wichita State and Drake.

"There is a big gap between us and UNL," Hendricks said. "Our goal will be to get second again. Doane, Wichita State and Creighton will all be vying for second."

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